

§ 3532.8 Terms and conditions of permit.**§ 3532.8-1 Duration of permit.**

Prospecting permits are issued for a term of 2 years, and may be extended for an additional 2 year period. No exploration activities other than those approved as part of an existing exploration plan shall be conducted following expiration of the initial term unless and until the permit has been extended by the authorized officer.

§ 3532.8-2 Dating of permits.

The permit shall be dated as of the first day of the month after its approval by the authorized officer unless the applicant requests in writing that it be dated the first day of the month in which it is approved.

§ 3532.8-3 Annual rental.

Rental at the rate of 50 cents per acre or fraction thereof shall be paid annually on or before the anniversary date of the permit. The rental payment shall not be less than \$20.

§ 3532.8-4 Special stipulations.

To insure adequate protection of the lands and their resources, permits shall contain such stipulations as may be prescribed by the authorized officer or the responsible official of the surface management agency if the surface is not under Bureau jurisdiction as described in § 3500.9 of this title. (See also part 3580.)

§ 3532.9 Prospecting permit extensions.**§ 3532.9-1 Conditions for, and duration of, extensions.**

A permit may be extended for a maximum of 2 years by the authorized officer provided that:

(a) The permittee has been unable, with reasonable diligence, to determine the existence or workability of valuable deposits covered by the permit and desires to continue the prospecting or exploration program. Reasonable diligence means that, in the opinion of the authorized officer, the permittee has drilled a sufficient number of core holes on the permit area or performed other comparable prospecting to ex-

plore the permit area within the time allowed; or

(b) The permittee's failure to perform diligent prospecting activities was due to conditions beyond his/her control.

§ 3532.9-2 Application for extension.

(a) Filing requirements:

(1) No specific application form is required.

(2) Application for extension shall be filed in the proper BLM office at least 90 days prior to expiration of the permit.

(3) Applications for extension shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable filing fee of \$25, and advance rental of 50 cents per acre or fraction thereof made payable to the Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management. The rental payment shall not be less than \$20.

(b) The application for extension shall, if applicable:

(1) Demonstrate that the permittee has met the conditions for extension set forth in § 3532.9-1 of this title;

(2) Demonstrate the permittee's diligent prospecting activities; and

(3) Show how much additional time is necessary to complete prospecting work.

§ 3532.9-3 Effective date.

The permit extension shall become effective as of the date of approval.

Subpart 3533—Preference Right Lease**§ 3533.1 Application for preference right lease.****§ 3533.1-1 Filing requirements.**

(a) No specific application form is required.

(b) An application shall be filed in triplicate with the proper BLM office no later than 60 days after the prospecting permit expires.

(c) The application shall be accompanied by the first year's rental at the rate of 25 cents per acre or fraction thereof made payable to the Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management. (See subpart 3503)